

A British study which suggested personality traits as a possible clue to cancer-tendencies received some attention from the U. S. press.

SOME LIVE IT UP

Smoker's Personality Seen Key to Cancer

LONDON, May 14 (AP)—A British research team suggested today that smokers might be prone to cancer because they generally "live it up" more than non-smokers.

A report in the British Medical Journal said the key to the smoking-cancer controversy may be personality.

Smokers and non-smokers are two totally different types and have different personalities the report said. It suggested a man's personality, rather than the amount of tobacco he consumes, may make him more—or less—prone to cancer.

Spend Year on Study

The report was compiled by four research workers, led by Dr. H. J. Eysenck of the Institute of Psychiatry, who spent a year studying the smoking habits of 7,000 Britons.

This is how they classified the subjects according to personality:

Cigarette smokers — the most extroverted and hearty.

Pipe smokers—the most introverted and preoccupied with themselves, getting satisfaction with inner thoughts and fancies.

Non-smokers — Nearly as

introverted as pipe smokers.

Ex-smokers — the most nervous, likely to chew pencils and bite their nails.

The report said it may be that "extroverts live at an accelerated rate, drinking harder, smoking harder, living more irregular lives,

staying up longer and generally living it up more."

Such people, the report concluded, may thus have a lowered resistance to disease or become exposed to conditions that could directly cause cancer.

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A New Slant On Smoking

London, May 13 (UPI).—

A new cigarette study has revealed no proof that smoking causes lung cancer but definitely has connected smoking and the personality of the smoker, the British Medical Journal reported today. Cigarette smokers tend to be extroverts, "living it up," while pipe smokers as a rule are more introverted, the Journal said after weighing evidence gathered in an investigation of 2,360 men. In between the two types of smokers, said the report, are ex-smokers—almost all of whom are neurotics.

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